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**SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE**

## REPORT

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE  
 Police Station,  
 No. 100 D. 75F.  
 Date February 11, 1929.  
 Date 12.12.29  
 Hongkong.

**Subject (in full)** Departure of Suspected Criminal Gang for

**Made by D.I. Robertson.**

**Forwarded by**

Information has been received that the following suspected criminals left Shanghai in the "Lushan Maru" on November 25.

Yoskovitch alias Itskovitch, Polish citizen. (Previously charged).  
Harry Parr, German Eurasian, Mother Chinese, speaks Mandarin  
and acts as interpreter for his associates.

These two men were joined by the following persons who left Shanghai some few days later in a ship, the name of which is unknown to us:

A. Tolokonsky alias Arbenin, alias Shurka nickname "Solnishko"  
Russian.

A. Tsagarelli, alias Sandro, Russian, was arrested on October 16, for being a member of a gang of criminals. (Dismissed).

K. Sazonin, alias "Kotik" Russian.

Wong Shi San, Resides in Shanghai and is a native of Hankow.

It is reported that on the arrival of the above mentioned gang in Hongkong they intend to join up with a group of Chinese the head of which is one Lee Tsun Yung (李春榮), 14, Kwei Chung Pau Ling Street (官中保靈街) 2nd floor. Lee is reported to operate three houses in Hongkong for the use of the gang. The location of these houses is given in the attached sketch. It is further reported that when the gang operate in Canton they frequent the following places: Toyo Hotel (Japanese), Asia Hotel, Eastern Hotel, Western Hotel. The activities of these persons are alleged to be criminal and possibly political.

A. Robertson

D. I.

I suggest the attached prepared capsule  
A.D. C. I. forwarded to Hsinghai

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(2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)  
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THE SHANGHAI SUNDAY TIMES, MAY 30, 1937

## TOLOKONSKY IS HELD ON SUSPICION

### Third Suspect In Fake Platinum Deal Up Before Court

A. Tolokonsky, 50-year-old unemployed Russian, arrested on Friday morning in the French Concession by Detective Sub-Inspector V. S. Pebenin in connection with the attempt of two other alleged confidence men to defraud Ismer and Company of \$20,000 on a fake platinum deal, was brought before Judge Dzien in the First Special District Court on a writ of detention yesterday morning.

No evidence was presented against Tolokonsky with the exception of evidence of arrest. Then the prosecution asked that the accused be detained until next Wednesday, June 2, and brought up before the court with W. Adamsky,

68, Pole, and C. F. Denisoff, alias M. V. Polansky, 54, Russian, also held on a writ of detention in connection with the case.

Formal charges will be framed against Adamsky and Denisoff at the next hearing, while it was not decided yesterday whether Tolokonsky would be charged as an accomplice or not.

Police are now in possession of evidence that the platinum that the men were going to sell to Ismer and Company, is really antimony. A clever trick was pulled on Mr. D. Halle, manager of Ismer and Company at the end of March ~~some antimony~~ apparently being shown to him. He took samples of it and put into a small packet. This packet was switched for real platinum, behind his back, while the antimony was sealed and deposited in a bank.

The men have already managed to obtain over \$5,000 from Ismer and Company as an advance on the "platinum."

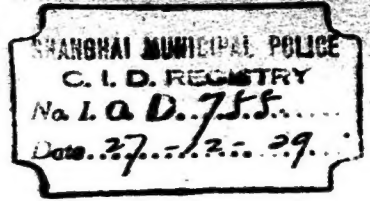
## Platinum Proves To Be Antimony

Reports On Analyses  
Show Clever Fraud  
By Foreigners

The case of Detective Sub-Inspector V. S. Bebenov of the Central Crime Branch of the S.M.P. against three men, suspected of conspiring to defraud C. Ismer and Co. of some \$20,000 by selling the firm antimony which they claimed to be platinum ore was practically completed today with the receipt of two reports on analyses. The third suspect, A. G. Tolokonsky, was arrested at 6.45 o'clock this morning in a Frenchtown boarding house. Although evidence against him weak, he is held on a writ of detention.

Toward the end of March of this year S. Adamsky, Pole, told C. Ismer and Co. that a friend of his named Denisoff had platinum ore for sale smuggled out of Russia. The firm promised to buy it. Tests proved the platinum genuine and took sample of the ore, locking the rest up in a bank. The samples were sent to Japan and Germany for tests. Detective Sub-Inspector got wind of the deal, suspected that genuine platinum had been exchanged for the samples by the clever confidence men and warned the firm, which unfortunately had already advanced more than \$8000 on the platinum.

Adamsky and Denisoff were arrested and the "platinum" taken from the bank to be tested by the Shanghai Chemical Laboratory. Today it was reported that the "platinum" was merely antimony. Almost at the same time a wireless message was received from Germany announcing that tests of samples showed the ore to be 78.4 platinum, proving a fraud was being perpetrated.



**POLICE HEADQUARTERS  
HONG KONG.**

**18th December, 1929.**

**Sir,**

~~Re. Russian and Polish requested criminals.~~  
I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th Dec, 1929, and in reply, to inform you that the matter will receive attention.

I have the honour to be,

**Sir,**

Your obedient Servant

A stylized handwritten signature in dark ink.

/ Captain Superintendent of Police

A handwritten signature in dark ink, with the date "27/12" written below it.

**The Director of Criminal Intelligence,  
Shanghai Municipal Police,**

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CHICAGO POLICE  
C.I.O. REGISTRY  
No. I.Q.D. 755  
Date 12-29

December 12

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Director of Criminal Investigation,  
Chicago.

Sir,

C. I. 1093

I have the honor to forward herewith  
copy of a Police Report concerning certain  
criminals who are supposed to be operating in  
Chicago and the South.

See also C. I. 1093.

Engel, alias Smith was arrested  
here with two other males and three females for  
being in possession of a large quantity of silk  
goods obviously the proceeds of smuggling.  
The same was described as an unidentifiable article  
to found locally. It is presumed to not the  
others have gone to Chicago to dispose of the  
goods which we suspect was stolen from various  
parts on the Ohio Street, North and South.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Yours obedient servant,

*RCM*

Director of Criminal Investigation.